

WASHINGTON -- Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the House Appropriations bill for a traffic management initiative to deal with potential congestion

The bill was passed by the Committee today.

"With the Coolidge bridge expansion project planned to get under way in the near future, traffic

"This additional funding will help keep traffic flowing as smoothly as possible."

Both UMass and the Massachusetts Highway Department have proposed -- and the Appropriations

Such a center would also work to develop traffic congestion reduction strategies with the munic

In May 1998, Congress enacted Olver's request for \$9.3 million for Coolidge bridge widening a

"There's no question the bridge work could create difficulties with traffic flow," said Olver.

"But this congestion abatement initiative will deploy the latest technologies to lessen the proble

The FY '99 Transportation Appropriations bill is scheduled for House floor consideration prior to

Congressman Olver is a member of the Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on Tr

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